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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Greetings and welcome to the new biennium year 2007-09!

The Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) is very proud to present to you a snapshot of its activities and accomplishments in the last 2005-07 biennium year. While CAPAA's current capacity is insufficient in meeting constituents' needs, the agency has taken tremendous strides in fulfilling its mandate in the fields of Education (working with Washington Learns and OSPI in helping close the achievement gap for our API students), Economic Development (Diversity Business Summit and Certification workshops with OMWBE for our small and minority businesses), and Health Care (working with the Governor's Inter-agency Coordinating Council on Health Disparities by facilitating a public input survey on minority health and health disparities, input on health materials and language access, and interpretative services).

Legislative session 2007 was a huge success. Our sincere gratitude to Governor Chris Gregoire for her support and commitment to the Asian Pacific Islander Community and CAPAA; to Senator Margarita Prentice for the General Survey fund and passage of the Senate Joint Memorial for our Filipino World War II veterans;

and to Senator Rosa Franklin and the Joint Select Committee for their work in addressing Health disparities in Washington State!

I encourage you to visit our newly designed website and attend our community forums. We would like increased community involvement in the policy developing process. Please dialogue with our Commissioners and Executive Assistant for strategic work in our community. Our demographics have changed and we have new challenges today as the fastest growing ethnic group in the state and in the nation!

Let us continue to work together, and make our efforts stronger and more vibrant as we strive to improve the well-being and quality of life of our Asian Pacific Americans in this great State of Washington. Let us rally our youth for leadership roles and make them leaders of tomorrow!

Thank you all for your support and let us continue to inspire each other by our common goals to emulate the good works done in our APA community!

Sincerely yours,

Ellen M. Abellera

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Chair's Message

The past two years have been a time of establishing relationships with a new Governor and new agency leadership, and of continuing to expand our work with the APA Community. I am happy to report that the Commission enjoys a close working relationship with Governor Gregoire and her staff. The Governor and her staff have taken an active role in soliciting input from the Commission and in working collaboratively with us on addressing issues of importance to our community. Governor Gregoire, for example, has exercised leadership in protecting immigrants from burdensome federal Medicaid documentation rules and has voiced her strong support for comprehensive immigration reform that recognizes the significant contributions made by immigrants.

In the past session, the Commission worked closely with the Governor and the Legislature on capital projects that are important to the APA community. Following the Governor's strong leadership, the Legislature funded all of the APA capital projects, ranging from the ACRS building to the Wing Luke Museum to the Filipino-American Community of Yakima Valley.

One of the Commission's main purposes is to support

APA community efforts. The Commission has continued to play a vital role in APA

Legislative Day which attracted over 2,500 APAs to Olympia in February to meet with their legislators and the Governor. The Commission partners with the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC) which is the main sponsor of this exciting and vibrant exercise of community unity and activism.

The Commission has been active in publicizing and educating the public about the disparities that adversely impact APAs in education, healthcare and economic development. To that end, the Commission has sponsored forums, participated in task forces and held summits to address these critical issues and come up with solutions to eliminate these disparities.

The Commission's work would not be possible without the active participation of our Commissioners. Many thanks to all of them for their hard work and commitment. Final thanks to our executive director, Ellen Abellera, who devotes an immense amount of time and all of her energy



Tony Lee
CAPAA Board Chair

LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM—2007 UPDATE

Background

The Washington State Legislature found that minority and women owned businesses had been historically denied access to capital and that lack of capital is a key barrier to the development of minority and women owned businesses. In response, the legislature passed the 1993 Minority and Women Owned Business Assistance Act, which created the Linked Deposit Program ("LDP").

Terms

- ◆ Businesses participating in the LDP must be certified by OMWBE
- ◆ Businesses must satisfy their Bank's lending criteria
- ◆ Qualifying loans must include:
 - Lines of credit
 - Financing of accounts receivable
 - Working capital
 - Equipment purchases
 - Real property acquisition
- ◆ \$1 million per-loan maximum; no limit on the number of loans a firm may have
- ◆ Interest rate: up to 2% below market rate
 - If the effective return on the timed CD is less than 2%, the interest rate reduction passed onto the firm can be reduced by an equivalent percentage.
- ◆ Loan term: Up to 10 years

2005 Key Legislative Changes:

- ◆ Increased size of program from \$50 Million to \$100 Million
- ◆ Establishes Per Loan Maximum Amount of \$1 Million
- ◆ Removes Sunset Provision
- ◆ Allows banks to reduce the interested rate reduction passed on to firms if the effective rate of return on the CD is less than 2%
- ◆ Transfers program reporting responsibilities from CTED to OMWBE.

2007 Key Legislative Changes:

- ◆ House Bill 1512 "Increasing the amount the state treasurer may use for the LDP"
- ◆ Increased size of program from \$100 Million to \$150 Million
- ◆ **With the passage of this bill, loans that have been on the wait list will be enrolled**
- ◆ This bill will take effect on July 22, 2007

All other elements of the Linked Deposit Program have remained unchanged.

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CAPAA 2007 Legislative Tracking

Some Highlights of CAPAA '07 Efforts

HB 1512/SB 5666 – Increasing the linked Deposit Program amount from \$100 million to \$150 million. **The Governor signed this bill into law.**

ESB 5166 - Korean American Day. **The Governor signed this bill. It becomes law on July 22, 2007.**

SB 5497/HB 1573 - Dropout prevention. **The Governor partially vetoed this bill. It goes into effect July 22, 2007**

SB 5828 - Early child development. **The Governor signed this bill. It becomes law on July 22, 2007.**

SJM 8008 – Family Reunification Program and full Veterans benefits to the Filipino World War II veterans. Introduced by Senator Margarita Prentice. **This passed and was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State.**



Gov. Gregoire addresses the crowd of participants during APA Legislative Day 2008 as APA Senators, Hobbs (D-Lake Stevens), Marr (D-Spokane), Shinn (D-Tacoma) and Exec. Director Abellera look on.

The Legislature introduced a total of 2,850 bills during the 2007 Legislative Session. The Governor has signed 522 bills, in total or in part, in to law.

Community-Related Funding Requests Met during the 2007

ACRS	\$2 Million
Wing Luke Museum	\$3 Million
Japanese Cultural Center of WA	\$1 Million
Korean Women's Assoc. Center	\$1.5 Million
Seattle Chinese Garden	\$500,000
Nissei Veterans	\$250,000
Wapato Fil-Am Center	\$135,000

Please Welcome CAPAA's Newest Additions



Jared M. Jonson
Executive Assistant



Rey Pascua,
Commissioner, Yakima County



Jagdish P. Sharma,
Commissioner Snohomish County

visit our website.

WWW.CAPAA.WA.GOV

Diversity Business Summit

On November 9, 2006, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA), led a joint effort, along with the other Washington State ethnic commissions and Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE), the 2006 Diversity Business Summit hosted at the Seattle Sheraton. There were approximately 280 attendees that included independent business owners, firm representatives, and agency/supplier diversity representatives.

The objective of the summit was to promote the State's Supplier Diversity Initiative for increased diversity in certification, with a focus on informing diverse small businesses about the tools and technical resources available for them to successfully compete for state contracting and procurement opportunities, as well as increased certification with OMWBE.

In July 2006, Governor Gregoire contacted 35 state agencies expressing her concern about the decline in state contracting with certified minority businesses. She called on each agency director to take a look at this problem and develop new strategies to increase the number of certified businesses contracting with the state. Although minority and women-owned businesses are flourishing in our state, the states utilization of these businesses has declined. State contracts with certified minority businesses have dropped from five percent of the state expenditures to less than one percent in the last six years.

The morning started with people of color dressed in native attire and speaking their native language saying welcome. These warm greetings were also honored with CAPAA's own commissioner, Tanya Tran, being one of the greeters. Afterwards, several minority business owners gave personal testimonials of their challenges and successes in starting and growing their businesses and the benefits of

certification.

The highlight of the summit was the keynote message of Governor Gregoire. She emphasized the commitment of the state to minority businesses, and "it's not just lip service," as the Governor put it. She understands the complexity of the certification process and ensured efforts to simplify it. The Governor promoted the fact that certified minority businesses have the opportunity for small business training, technical assistance in bonding and financing through federally funded programs, and access to the Link Deposit Program which provides financial loans at lower interest rates.

The remainder of the summit consisted of public and private agency representatives discussing their strategies for increasing participation in public contracting by diverse businesses throughout Washington. Minority businesses had the opportunity to educate agency staff and the Governor's policy advisors about the barriers they face in trying to do business with the state and recommendations on how to eliminate those barriers. Finally, firms had the opportunity to register on WEBS, interact with other business owners, and meet public contracting and procurement officers.

A follow up to the Diversity Business Summit is being planned for late 2007. CAPAA will host Certification workshops with the office of the Minority Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) for licensed small and minority businesses in Washington State. The workshop will focus on Certification benefits and process; eligibility requirements for MWBE and DBE Program and OMWBE certification Process.

Ethnic Commission Education Roundtable

On June 29, 2006, the Washington State Ethnic Commissions, hosted the Ethnic Commission Education Roundtable. 83 community leaders, state representatives, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Washington Learns staff came together for the purpose of building a multi-ethnic strategy to help children of color succeed in school and submit recommendations to the Washington Learns Committee on Early Learning, K-12 and Higher Education.

The one-day session started with a brief greeting and overview from each ethnic commission and presented the importance and challenges of education within our respective communities. Tony Lee, CAPAA's Commission Chair, emphasized the fact that the Asian Pacific Islander students are lumped statistically together which only reflects the larger and more established APA communities. As a result, the numbers do not adequately reflect the variety of difficulties that some APA students from certain Southeast Asian, South Asian and Pacific Islander groups face. Commissioner Lee asked that Washington Learns to support CAPAA's cause to disaggregate this specific statistic to identify and assist failing students in the APA community who otherwise would be rendered invisible.

The rest of the day included an overview presentation of Washington Learns from Director Ann Daley, Director and three breakout sessions. Session one reviewed and commented on Washington Learns K-12 Subcommittee recommendations. Session two was a discussion on Early Learning and Higher Education. In session three, groups developed recommendations to Washington Learns in response to the

following focus questions: 1) What single recommendation could we make to Washington Learns that would help close the achievement gap for children of color and those with disabilities? 2) What single recommendation could we make to Washington Learns that would improve academic outcomes for children of color, including those with disabilities? The session ended with closing remarks from Gov. Gregoire's Policy Office Director, Laurie Dolan. She listened to the community's concerns and supported the ethnic commissions' efforts to reduce the achievement gap and stated that the message from the day's discussions would be passed along to Governor Gregoire.

From the roundtable discussions and comments, four key recommendations were identified and submitted to Washington Learns specific to the APA community: 1) Schools need to explore ways and create policies for parental involvement to not isolate APA communities inadvertently. 2) Teacher training and professional development training needs to include APA cultural training. 3) APA student statistics need to be disaggregated. 4) Culturally competent and linguistically appropriate services need to be incorporated into school curriculum.

Look for CAPAA's continued involvement with education to assist the community and state government in helping the APA community reduce the achievement gap and help those APA students failing to pass the WASL.

Diversity Health Summit

Working to Eliminate Health Disparities

By Ellen M. Abellera, Executive Director, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

Washington State can become the healthiest state in the nation only by "eliminating the health gap" that lowers the quality of life, limits economic advancement, and shortens life expectancies for many subgroups of our population, including other people of color.

Washington State held the first Diversity Health Summit to eliminate health disparities for people of color on September 30, 2005. Conference sessions covered a broad range of topics that connected with Governor Gregoire's health priorities- recognizing the importance of healthy children, exploring prevention and wellness, and looking at ways to better identify and screen for health conditions for minority and ethnic populations of all ages.

In Washington State and nationally, Asians and Pacific Islanders, Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans suffer more than whites from cancer, diabetes, hepatitis, heart disease, stroke, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and other ailments. Most of these groups live much shorter lives than whites.

The summit was a call to action, collaboratively convened by the state's four ethnic commissions, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, taking the lead role, the Commission on African American Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic American Affairs, and the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. Other partners included the Governor's office, Department of Health, State Board of Health, Washington Health Foundation, Public Health, Department of Social and Health Services, Susan G. Kohmen Breast Cancer Foundation, and HumanLinks Foundation, through the late Julie Davidson.

The fruits of the summit were "intercultural networks"- work groups that will continue efforts in four areas: (1) providing more health outreach and prevention in communities of color; (2) improving health care access; (3) insurance, and availability in communities of color; and (4) promoting greater cultural competence in the health care community.



One of Christine Gregoire's first successes as Governor was extending health insurance coverage to 73,000 additional children- a move that promises to reduce disparities by improving access to health care for low-income families, many of whom are people of color. In March, the Governor signed a package of health disparities bills introduced by Senator Rosa Franklin that addressed the diversity of healthcare workforce, cultural competency training for health professionals, and tribal government participation on the State Board of Health. The summit established the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities and created a process of evaluation that impacts the legislative and budgetary proposals affecting health disparities.

The ethnic commissions are looking forward to working with the State Board of Health and other partner agencies on the council to create a statewide plan for reducing health disparities. We in state government must continue our work to effect awareness and education and create solutions for health disparities, both globally and on the policy level.

OMWBE Certification Workshops

WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF MINORITY & WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Workshop 1

Monday, August 27, 2007
Safeco Jackson Street Center
306-23rd Ave. South Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98114

Workshop 2

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
Everett Transit Center
2930 Wetmore Ave.
Everett, WA 98201

- ◆ *Do you own your own business?*
- ◆ *Are you a woman or a member of an ethnic minority group?*
- ◆ *Would you like greater technical assistance in managing your business?*
- ◆ *Would you like to learn how to compete for public contracts and other state procurement opportunities?*

If your answer to all of the above questions is yes, you should consider attending a certification workshop this fall facilitated by the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) and sponsored by the CAPAA. Come to our free workshop and learn about the certification process and the potential benefits to your business or firm. **For further details contact CAPAA at 360.725.5667 or OMWBE at 360.753.9693 or email capaa@capaa.wa.gov**

Filipino WWII Veterans' Bills

THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER YET! WWII is remembered as the 'Good War' that President Roosevelt said defended great human freedoms against the encroachment and attacks of despotism. Filipino soldiers fought during WWII under the American flag and under the direction of President Roosevelt's July 1942 Military Order. Shortly after the war in 1946, the U.S. Congress passed the Rescission Act which specifically mandates that services rendered by Filipino WWII veterans "...shall not be deemed to have active military, naval, or air service for the purposes of any law of the United States conferring rights or privileges or benefits..." the legislative rider appended to the 1946 Rescission Act denies U.S. military status and benefits to those veterans who fought under the command of the U.S. Armed forces in the Philippines.



Members of Washington's Filipino WWII Veterans

The 1990 Immigration and Naturalization Act signed by President Bush I granted immediate citizenship to the Filipino veterans but excluded their children. Requests for such

veterans.

The CAPAA for the last two years have worked with less than a hundred veterans here in Washington State, through the auspices of the International Drop-in Center and its Executive Director, Sluggo Rigor, and Commander Amador Montero on Family Reunification and Restoration of Full Military Benefits. In 2006, the Washington State Legislature and the Office of Governor Chris Gregoire appropriated \$25,000 for the general survey of surviving veterans in the state, to locate them and assess their living conditions. This whole collaborative effort was done with Director John Lee of the Veterans Affairs Office of Washington State, and the First Gentleman Mike Gregoire. **WASHINGTON STATE IS IN FACT, THE FIRST TO DO THESE OUTREACH EFFORTS!** The survey has brought about 2 survivors of the "Great Raid," (the Historic rescue of more than 500 American soldiers from Nueva Ecija, Philippines), Mr. Benito Valdez and Mr. Julian Nicolas.



Commander Montero

reunions have taken the U.S. government decades to process, and veterans have aged and died during the wait. The United States government has yet to fully restore the rights, privileges, and benefits **GUARANTEED**, and then **TAKEN AWAY** from Filipino WWII

CAPAA has worked and will continue efforts to work with the offices of Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Daniel Akaka, Senator Daniel Inouye and Senator Edward Kennedy on these two particular bills. The torch is still burning. The flame will continue to burn until the day that our veterans will see the light on family reunification and restoration of full U.S. military benefits afforded to them!

Trade Mission to Vietnam



*Guest Editorial by
CAPAA Commissioner, Thi Huynh*

It has been about three years since I last visited Vietnam, traveling as part of a 26-member trade delegation led by Governor Gary Locke. I returned in May of this year on another trade mission, this time led by Secretary of State Sam Reed. The goals of this trip were to enhance cultural and trade ties between Washington State and

Vietnam.

Much has changed since 2004; first of all, where I was only one of two Vietnamese Americans in the delegation, most recently I was one of eight. The group of Vietnamese Americans was comprised of five attorneys, community leaders and businessmen.

Compared to three years ago, I see even more opportunities for Washington State and the role the Vietnamese American community can play in strengthening the ties between the two countries. Most notably, Vietnam has become the latest member of the World Trade Organization and been granted Permanent Normal Trade Relation status by the US. In short, what this means for Vietnam is that it will have increased access to foreign markets and be able to take trade disputes to a neutral third party. In return, it must drop its high tariffs on foreign imports and eliminate subsidies in addition to adopting new laws that increase transparency.

The benefit for Washington State is greater access to the second fastest growing economy in Asia after China and a growing market of 85 million people. In 2006, Vietnam's growth rate was at 8.17% and expected to be 8.5% for 2007. Vietnam is a fantastic market that has a growing appetite for American goods and services as it enters the international economy. On the 2004 trip, Vietnam Airlines had announced orders for Boeing 777s, perhaps one of the ones our later delegation flew on from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi. Only one year later, they announced firm orders for 4 787s with the option for 11 more. In fact, all of Vietnam Airline's long range fleet is comprised of Boeing planes.

In addition to planes, Vietnam also has unmet demand for agricultural products that can be supplied by Washington farmers.



Workers process Red Peppers in a Vietnamese plant as trade mission participants look on.

As the people become more affluent, they are spending money on entertainment, dining, and luxury goods. Consumers are becoming aware of brand names and developing a taste

for wines. The streets in Vietnam, once filled with pedicabs and bicycles, have been all but replaced with motorbikes. In a statistic cited by a 2006 Fortune Magazine article by Clay Chandler, over the past 15 years Vietnam has reduced the percentage of its population living below the poverty rate of less than \$1 a day to 8% from 51%. It is one thing to read about the numbers, but seeing them is another.

Our group was able to tour a brand new frozen produce processing plant in the City of My Tho in the Mekong Delta. The owner is a local from Washington State. The plant there employs dozens of people and employs modern sanitary standards. Workers wear face masks, gloves and rubber boots. The products are labeled and acceptable to ship to world markets, including the US. I was impressed with the level of sophistication of the operation and the fact that a small business owner from our state could bring the project to fruition.



(Vice Chairwoman Nguyen Thi Hong with the Vietnamese-American mission delegates: Thao Tran, Thi Huynh, Peter Chu, Kim Tran, Buu Lam, Thuy Nguyen Leeper, Quang Nguyen and Lam Nguyen-Bull)

Washington was the top ranked exporter to Vietnam in 2004, selling Vietnam \$395 million worth of goods. Airplanes made up the bulk of that total, but minus the airplanes we would still rank about sixth in the nation. There are many great investment and trade opportunities for anyone in our state interested in Vietnam's fast growing economy.

While the climate for economic growth is remarkable, the Vietnamese government must continue to address issues of corruption and human rights. I believe integration with the rest of the world will pressure Vietnam to improve in these areas. In the meantime, touring the country, I could sense the optimism and will of the people there to succeed. With a population of 85 million and growing, a 90% literacy rate, a young population, combined with an entrepreneurial drive, I have no doubt that Vietnam will become an important gateway to Southeast Asia and a major trading partner for Washington State as it continues to develop.

Secretary of State Sam Reed and the World Trade Center of Tacoma led a trade mission journeying to China, Hong Kong, and Vietnam. Over 28 individuals representing public, private, and non-profit sectors of the State promoted Washington's vast array of brands and other quality-products.

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CAPAA Calendar and Historical Events

Upcoming/Ongoing

"How the Soy Sauce Was Bottled," uncommon stories of common objects, at Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Ave. S., Seattle, from June 28th to Nov. 30th. Free-\$4. Call 206-623-5124.

"Swimming Upstream," 6th Annual API Community Health Center Leadership Conference, Grand Hyatt Seattle, 721 Pine Street, Seattle, Registration deadline Sept. 4th, contact conference@ichs.com

State Diversity Fair August 23rd, Capitol Campus, East Plaza, 11-2 PM, Contact Labor & Industries at 360-902-5800

National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NAFFAA) "3rd Regional Conference," Sept. 22, 2007, White River Amphitheatre, Auburn, WA, Adult \$50, Seniors and Youth \$25, www.naffaa.org

Northwest Asian Weekly & Seattle Chinese Post 25th Anniversary, Asian Talent Show, Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, Oct. 19th, call 206-22-0623 or email assunta@nwasianweekly.com

India Association of Western Washington presents: "India Day Celebration," Celebrating Independence from British rule, August 18th, 5 pm to 9 pm University of Washington HUB building, call Debaddutta Dash 206-330-8512

"Bon Odori," Sponsored by Olympia JACL and Olympia Yashiro Sister Cities, Water Street, Olympia (Heritage Park), 5pm to 9 pm

Welcome Reception for new Seattle Schools Superintendent: Maria Goodloe-Johnson, Sponsored by the Asian Pacific Directors Coalition, Four Seas Restaurant, 714 S. King St., Seattle, 5:30 pm, contact Alan Sugiyama 206-322-9080

Korean Women's Association 35th Anniversary, celebrate the achievements of KWA at the Tacoma Convention Center, 1500 Broadway, Tacoma, Aug. 30th, 5:30 pm, contact 253-535-4202

"Bridging the Gap Breakfast," a celebration of diversity that honors distinguished alumni, community members and scholarship recipients, organized by the University of Washington Multicultural Alumni Partnership, at the UW Husky Union Building Ballroom, Seattle, Oct. 27th from 8 to 10 a.m. Visit www.uwalum.com.

"Shaping High School Asian Pacific Islanders for the Next Generation (S.H.A.P.I.N.G.)" a student-led leadership conference to expose high school APAs to the benefits of higher education, Washington State University, Pullman Campus, Oct. 12-14, call 509-335-7852 or email mss@wsu.edu for more information

Women of Color Empowered Luncheon: "Mentors and Community Legacy," sponsored by Northwest Asian Weekly, Sept. 22, please R.S.V.P. at rsvp@nwasianweekly.com

Hmong New Year Celebration, with special recognition of the history of Hmong settlement in King County, Nov. 3, 2007 at Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St., Seattle, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Visit www.seattlecenter.com/events.

"Lost in Interpretation: Healthcare in the API Community," Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 7th Ave. S., Seattle, June 28 to August 19th, call 206-623-5124

National Association of Asian American Professionals' 28th Annual Leadership Awards Gala, honoring community leaders and scholarship recipients, at Seattle Westin Hotel, Nov. 3rd, 1900 Fifth Ave., Seattle, at 6 p.m. R.S.V.P. by Oct. 26th. Visit www.naaapscattle.org for more details

Asian Counseling and Referral Service Benefit Auction and Dinner at Seattle Sheraton Hotel, 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, on Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m. \$125 pre-sale, \$175-door. Visit www.acrs.org.

B-LINKED Washington Energy Service Jobfair, Sept. 10th, 10 am to 2 pm, Worksource Pierce, Puyallup Room, 1305 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, WA, call Shirley Chatters at 253-593-7324

Greater Seattle Job Fair, the largest hiring event in Seattle, Seahawks Qwest Field and Event Center, Oct. 10th, 11 am to 3 pm, www.jobbernaut.com

Washington State Public Service Career Fair, Oct. 29th, 2007, 10 am to 4 pm at the Seattle Center, Northwest Rooms, 305 Harrison Street, Seattle, contact Sarya Sok at saryaok@gmail.com

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